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The Prairie View . . .

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MAJOR BUILDING PROGRAM PROJECTED FOR PRAIRIE VIEW.....

Under the dynamic leadership of President A. I. Thomas, the College has entered a major building program for the College. The multi-million dollar program was recently approved by the Board of Directors and includes the following:

1. NEW DINING HALL - To accommodate 5,000 students. Student committees, faculty groups, and the architect have already begun planning. This unit will be constructed through bonds retired by student fees.
2. NEW PARKING AREAS - Contracts are already underway to complete parking areas in the front and on the side of all public buildings on Farm Road 1098 and Loop 1098.
3. NEW UTILITIES STUDY - A major study to determine needs for electric, steam, water, sewer, and air conditioning is underway. The study will determine exactly what needs to be constructed in order to meet immediate and future needs.
4. NEW RESIDENCE HALLS - Authorization for two new dormitories, air conditioned. It is proposed that they include 1500 new units; 750 for men and 750 for women. These units will be constructed through bonds retired by student fees.
5. NEW CLASSROOMS AND LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER - To include latest classroom appointments, and a special area (learning resource center) for individual study by students.
6. NEW LAUNDRY BUILDING - To include latest equipment and space for modern laundry work and dry cleaning.
7. COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN OF THE CAMPUS - A much needed master plan to determine how the campus will look 20 years from now. Included will be the location of all new buildings.

This new building program will take care of most of the immediate needs of the College. From the study of program requirements to the completion of construc-

tion will take from two or three years. All buildings that will provide for student personal needs will be financed through student fees. The State of Texas does not provide funds for construction of buildings such as the dining hall, laundry, or dormitories.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PARENTS OF HONOR ROLL STUDENTS...

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we congratulate the parents of those students who earned a place on the Honor Roll for the first semester, 1967-1968. In an effort to recognize and reward Scholarship, President A. I. Thomas designated Wednesday, March 13, as Scholastic Honors day at the College. A special Convocation took place in recognition of Scholarship on Wednesday morning. Dr. J. K. Williams, Commissioner, Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System was the keynote speaker. President Thomas was host to the Honors Day Banquet on Wednesday evening. In addition to the enjoyable food and entertainment, the students heard an inspiring address by Representative Joseph Lockridge, a member of the Texas House of Representatives from Dallas, Texas. We congratulate the Honor Roll Students and Parents.

DO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS WANT TO BE INFORMED...

Frequently in discussions with students at the College we hear the comment: "We students are grown and we ought to be able to do as we please" ... It is further stated "we ought to be treated like we are grown... the student's life is his own if he wants to drink, gamble, engage in sex, take dope, attend class, waste his time... well, that's up to him..."

While Prairie View A&M College recognizes the student as a developing young adult, it does not consider the student completely independent. With the exception of a few married students and several classifications of older students, the College takes the position that the majority of its students are still under the jurisdiction of their parents. While the College does not propose to become a "parent substitute", it is the philosophy of the College to work closely with the parents of students enrolled at this College. We feel that parents do want to know what the students are doing. That parent want to know the College's program for his child. It is our position that parents and guardians do want to work with the College in promoting the growth of the students. We feel that this can rarely be done by the student "being able to do whatever he pleases"... Prairie View A & M College does not propose to adopt programs because "they do it at other colleges." The program at Prairie View must be one developed by students, faculty, alumni, parents, and the administration. It must be one which contributes to what is best for the majority of the students. We admit that Prairie View program will not and is not intended to meet the "feelings or wants" of each and every student. It is a program, however, that will guarantee an academically sound education and a sound program of personal-social development.

We are attempting to make the position of the College clear. We do not expect every student, faculty member, nor parent to agree. We would like to hear from parents on this matter. Let us know if your child is completely on his own... or, if you expect to be consulted and would like to be involved in the College's program for your son or daughter. President A. I. Thomas will be pleased to receive your comments. We, also, encourage you to discuss this important matter with your son or daughter when you write him or when he is at home.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS TO BE ENFORCED. . .

In the August issue of the Guardian and also in the October issue, we informed you of the security measures which were being taken to provide maximum protection to your child while enrolled at the college. Again we would like to make our policies clear.

The increased number of automobiles on the campus has forced us to establish some rather specific traffic regulations. The repeated instances of speeding on the campus and violations of many traffic regulations, force us to rigidly enforce the existing regulations.

These regulations have been established under the authority of Senate Bill 162, 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967.

If your son or daughter has an automobile at the college, be sure that:

1. The car is registered. There should be a purple sticker on the windshield indicating a student's registration number
2. The student is parking the car in one of the parking lots reserved for students. It is a definite violation of regulations for the student to use the car on campus or park in any area other than those designated for student parking.

The campus is entirely too small to accommodate all students and employees vehicles. Parking on the central campus is reserved for employees and visitors. Students may not park or use their vehicles to attend class or move from building to building, or drive their vehicles on Loop 1098. We are attempting to make the campus a pedestrian campus and remove as many vehicles as possible.

3. It is especially important that students understand that on special occasions such as concerts, athletic contests, etc., the parking spaces should be reserved for visitors and guest. Students must park their vehicles in the student parking area at all times. It is the express intentions that students walk to classes and to other points of activities on the campus. Permit to have a vehicle does not include the free use of the vehicle on campus. Again, the campus is too small. The safety of the total student body must be considered first. The convenience of the motorist is secondary.

We are asking parents to discuss this matter with your son or daughter. Violations of these regulations may result in the denial of the privilege of having a vehicle on campus or dismissal from the college.

MID-SEMESTER GRADES ISSUED TO STUDENTS...

Mid-Semester grades will be issued to all students before April 11, 1968. The grades of those students failing in 50% or more of their coursework will be sent to the parents. We wish to again encourage you to discuss the scholastic progress your child is making at College. Be sure to ask to see the Mid-Semester grades. Many students are not on the 50% list but they are doing poorly in this coursework. With the beginning of the warm weather, many students are not studying. If the grades of your child are low, be sure to inquire if he is attending class regularly. Recently we have discovered a number of students who were not attending class at all. Some students sleep late and miss classes. The Library still does not have as many students as the Memorial Student Union Center. Where does your child spend his time? Why not ask him when you write or when he comes home again.

PROMPT PAYMENT OF ALL FEES IS URGED...

We are still have some difficulty with students not paying their fees on time. Parents should note that monthly fees are due on the 1st of each month and must be paid in full before the 10th of the month. Please assist your child in meeting his obligation by the prompt payment of fees.

PARENTS' DAY SET FOR MAY 19...

We cordially invite the parents and guardians of all students to be on our guest at the College on Parents' Day, Sunday, May 19. On this same day we will have Commencement Exercises and the College will commission its new NROTC Unit. We are looking forward to having you with us.

COMING EVENTS...

EASTER VACATIONBegin 12:30 p.m., April 11
Ends 7:30 a.m., April 16

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISESMay 19

PARENTS' DAY.....May 19

FINAL EXAMINATIONMay 20-23

SECOND SEMESTER ENDS.....May 26

FIRST TERM, 1968 SUMMER SESSION.....June 3

SECOND TERM, 1968 SUMMER SESSION.....July 15, 1968